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Friends,

In addition to my standard Governor & Council report (below), I wanted to first share some information regarding the announcement last week that up to 8,000 part-time workers at Market Basket stores statewide would have their hours or jobs eliminated this week.

Roughly 1,060 part time workers in my district have been impacted at stores in Concord, Warner, Rochester, and Somersworth, as well as residents who work at other Market Basket stores outside my district. If members of your community are impacted, please share this information:

Most importantly: Thanks to a 2008 New Hampshire law, most part-time employees who lose their work – whether formally laid-off or just having their work hours cut – are now eligible for state unemployment aid.

FAQ: <http://www.nhes.nh.gov/documents/faq-basic-8-4-14.pdf>

HOW TO APPLY: <http://www.nhes.nh.gov/documents/mb-htf-initial.pdf>

NUMBER OF PT EMPLOYEES AND STATUS BY STORE LOCATION:

<http://www.wmur.com/money/list-of-parttime-market-basket-workers-by-store-in-nh/27363512>

I believe this crisis is the economic equivalent of a natural disaster and requires the same response New Hampshire has proven many times before, where we band together and support our friends and neighbors. I have spoken with both Governor Maggie Hassan and Employment Security Commissioner George Copadis, and I know both share this view. They have shifted staffing at Employment Security offices statewide, set up a cross-agency task force to support displaced workers, and have distributed flyers about worker's rights at all Market Basket stores in the state.

Please don't hesitate to let me know if you have questions about our state response to this crisis.

We had a busy week at last's Governor & Council meeting – in addition to the regularly-scheduled meeting, we discussed a proposal by Councilor Deb Pignatelli, which I support, to increase state government efficiency and strengthen scrutiny on the most impactful contracts by raising the limit on which contracts the Council reviews.

The Council voted 4-1 to draft language to this effect for consideration at our next meeting. I recently wrote a guest column for several state newspapers on why I think this move would eliminate waste and improve transparency, [which you can read here](#).

At last week's meeting, Council approvals included:

IN CENTRAL NH: A project led by the City of Franklin to coordinate planning for the Northern New England Medical Response Strike Team; ongoing lab services by Concord Hospital for the state prison; transportation services for the elderly in greater Concord; aircraft inspection at the Concord airport; construction of a subsurface water line under Sheep Davis Rd to supply the National Guard training institute; and roof repair at the Police Standards & Training center at NHTI.

IN MONADNOCK & WESTERN NH: Heating system and capital improvements at the Meadow Road Apartments in Keene; and extension of the lease for the Keene area Employment Services office on Key Road for one year.

IN STRAFFORD CO: Transportation services for the elderly and persons with disabilities; surface improvements to 1.7 miles of NH Rt 108 in Durham & Newmarket; and federally-funded lab analysis of shellfish samples at UNH.

STATEWIDE: Federally-funded consulting project to provide recommendations for reforming health care provider payments, based on the recent increased transparency in statewide medical procedure costs; travel and tourism promotion grants to 11 regional promotion groups; and construction of an additional 10 bed unit for acute psychiatric crisis care at the state hospital.

APPOINTMENTS: See below for full list; acting directors of the Department of Information Technology and Division of Travel & Tourism were appointed pending a search for a permanent replacement after these two positions were recently vacated. Additionally, the nomination of Liquor Commission Director of Marketing, Merchandising and Warehousing was tabled until our next meeting.

The next meeting is on Wednesday, Sept 3 in Western NH (location TBD). If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to let me know via email at cvanostern@nh.gov or by calling me at (603) 290-5848.

Sincerely,
Colin
Executive Councilor, District 2

[FULL 8/5 AGENDA](#)

(or follow the links below for documentation of each item)

FULL INFORMATION

1. DETAIL: CENTRAL NH

#6 Authorized to exercise a **sole source** amendment to an agreement with the City of Franklin, NH (originally approved by G&C on 12-4-13, item #43), to provide planning, training, and equipment to the Northern New England Metropolitan Medical Response System Strike Team in NH to enhance the overall medical surge/mass prophylaxis, mass care services, public health and medical services and first responder health and safety capabilities, by increasing the price by \$50,000 from \$50,000 to \$100,000, and by extending the completion date from August 31, 2014 to June 30, 2015. **100% Other Funds.**

[#11](#) Authorized to enter into a **retroactive sole source** agreement with Concord Hospital Inc., Concord, NH, for the provision of Laboratory and Pathology Services and Employee Health Services, in the amount not to exceed \$115,000. Effective July 1, 2014 through December 31, 2014. **27% General, 73% Federal Funds.**

[#22](#) Authorized the Bureau of Rail & Transit to amend a **sole source** contract with Central NH Regional Planning Commission, Concord, NH (originally approved by G&C on 6-19-13, item #231), for coordinated transportation services for elderly persons and persons with disabilities, by increasing the amount by \$164,463 from \$134,725 to \$299,188. Effective upon G&C approval through June 30, 2015. **100% Federal Funds.**

[#89](#) Authorized the Division of State Police to **retroactively** exercise a one-year contract renewal option with Anvab Inc., d/b/a Concord Aviation Services, Concord, NH, (originally approved by G&C on 7-11-12, item #95), for the provision of scheduled maintenance and inspection of the Cessna Aircraft, contingent on Concord Aviation Services remaining the Fixed Base Operator at Concord Municipal Airport, in an amount not to exceed \$40,000. Effective July 1, 2014 through June 30, 2015. **81% Highway, 19% Turnpike Funds.**

[#99](#) Authorized a temporary construction easement on land along Sheep Davis Road (NH Route 106) in Pembroke owned by Genrose LLC, a Connecticut limited liability company, for the purpose of constructing and installing a subsurface water line to pass beneath Sheep David Road and supply water to the NH Army National Guard Regional Training Institute currently under construction on the opposite side of Sheep Davis Road. No Cost to the State.

[#107](#) Authorized the Bureau of Public Works Design and Construction to enter into a contract with The Melanson Co. Inc., Bow, NH, for the Police Standards Roof Repair, Concord, NH, for a total price not to exceed \$49,500. (2) Further Authorized the amount of \$1,700 for payment to the Department of Administrative Services, Bureau of Public Works Design and Construction, for engineering services provided, bringing the total to \$51,200. Effective upon G&C approval through November 7, 2014. **100% Operating – Other Funds.**

2. DETAIL: MONADNOCK REGION

[#29](#) Authorized to award a grant to the City of Keene, NH, in the amount of \$270,000 for heating system and capital improvements at the Meadow Road Apartments in Keene, NH. Effective August 5, 2014 through June 30, 2016. **100% Federal Funds.**

[#43](#) Authorized to **retroactively** amend the current lease agreement with Key Road Associates, Keene, NH (originally approved by G&C on 6-17-09, item #45), for rental of 47,800 square feet of office space located at 109 Key Road, Keene, NH, for a total cost of \$57,552. Effective August 1, 2014 through July 31, 2015. **100% Federal Funds.**

3. DETAIL: STRAFFORD COUNTY

[#18](#) Authorized the Bureau of Rail & Transit to amend a **sole source** contract with Cooperative Alliance for Seacoast Transportation, Dover, NH (originally approved by G&C on 6-5-13, item #233), for coordinated transportation services for elderly persons and persons with disabilities, by increasing the amount by \$227,901 from \$207,884 to \$435,785. Effective upon G&C approval through June 30, 2015. **100% Federal Funds.**

[#26C](#) Authorized the Bureau of Construction to enter into a contract with F. L. Merrill Construction Inc., Loudon, NH, for roadway improvements on 1.7 miles of NH Route 108 in Durham and Newmarket, on the basis of a low bid of \$4,111,415.07. (2) Further Authorized a contingency in the amount of \$205,570.75 for payment of latent conditions which may appear during the construction of the project. Effective upon G&C approval through September 18, 2015. **100% Federal Funds.**

[#60](#) Authorized to enter into a **sole source** agreement with the University of NH, Office of Sponsored Research, Durham, NH, to perform laboratory analysis of shellfish samples for *Vibrio parahaemolyticus* presence and genetic characteristics, in the amount of \$10,000. Effective upon G&C approval through December 31, 2014. **100% Federal Funds.**

4. STATEWIDE PROJECTS AND POLICIES

[#5](#) Authorized to amend an agreement with JSI Research & Training Institute Inc., d/b/a Community Health Institute, Bow, NH (originally approved by G&C on 7-10-13, item #40), to provide a broad range of programmatic support services across a number of public health programs to include public health strategic planning, needs assessment, training and technical assistance; and implementation of health communications campaigns, by increasing the price by \$79,398 from \$1,525,400 to \$1,604,798. Effective upon G&C approval through June 30, 2015. **100% Federal Funds.**

[#42](#) Authorized to enter into a contract with Compass Health Analytics Inc., Portland, ME, for the provision of consulting services to provide recommendations for health care provider payment reform that controls costs while maintaining consumer protection, in the amount of \$60,000. Effective upon G&C approval through October 31, 2014. **100% Federal Funds.**

[#52](#) Authorized the Division of Travel and Tourism Development to award grants to the organizations as detailed in letter dated July 18, 2014, in the total amount of \$649,676.27 for their 2014/2015 in-state and out-of-state marketing projects. Effective upon G&C approval. **100% General Funds.**

[#112](#) Authorized the Bureau of Public Works Design and Construction to enter into a contract with Harvey Construction, Bedford, NH, for the Acute Psychiatric Services Psychiatric Crisis Beds and Security Upgrades, Concord, NH, for a total not to exceed \$2,692,985. **99% General – Capital, 1% Other Funds.** (2) Further Authorized a contingency in the amount of \$65,727 for unanticipated construction issues, bringing the total to \$2,758,712. **100% General – Capital Funds.** (3) Further Authorized the amount of \$2,950 for payment to the Department of Administrative Services, Bureau of Public Works Design and Construction, for engineering services provided, bringing the total to \$2,761,662. Effective upon G&C approval through December 31, 2015. **100% Other Funds.**

5. DETAIL: APPOINTMENTS AND NOMINATIONS

(* = District 2 Resident)

New Nominations by Governor Hassan:

Governor's Commission on Alcohol and Drug Abuse Prevention, Treatment and Recovery

Rebecca Ewing, Hopkinton, NH*

Stephanie A. Savard, Derry, NH

Health and Education Facilities Authority

Todd C. Emmons, New London, NH

Board of Home Inspectors

Wayne H. Moore, Epsom, NH

Joint Promotional Program Screening Committee

Cynthia Foster, Glen, NH

Land and Community Heritage Authority

William Norton, Concord, NH*

Board of Land Surveyors

William J. Doucet, Newmarket, NH

Racing and Charitable Gaming Commission

Lynn M. Presby, Freedom

Retirement System Board of Trustees

Germano M. Martins, Hooksett, NH

Director of the Division of Aeronautics, Rail and Transit at the Department of Transportation

Patrick C. Herlihy, Contoocook, NH*

Waste Management Council

Philip D'Avanza, Goffstown, NH

Confirmed by the Council:

Board of Acupuncture Licensing

William J. Halacy, Concord, NH*

State Council on the Arts

Angela F. Brown, Randolph, NH

William H. Stelling, Manchester, NH

Connecticut Lakes Headwaters Citizens Committee

Paul A. Doscher, Weare, NH

Board of Registration of Funeral Directors and Embalmers

Susan J. Hopkins, Salem, NH

Chief Operating Officer for the Division of Administration at the Liquor Commission

Craig W. Bulkley, Derry, NH

Acting Commissioner of the Department of Information Technology

Steven J. Kelleher, Concord, NH*

Acting Director of the Division of Travel and Tourism at the Department of Resources and Economic Development

Amy O. Bassett, Hopkinton, NH*

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